

Indian Programme. About 600 NGOs are currently receiving assistance. In order to decentralise the process and to give flexibility to NGOs in designing their own programmes including innovative programmes, a policy change has been implemented. Under this, the smaller NGOs actually implementing programmes will be entrusted to larger NGOs known as mother NGOs, for appraisal and sanction of projects, release of funds, training, supervision and monitoring/evaluation. In addition, selected national NGOs are supported for implementing innovative projects. So far 65 Mother NGOs have been selected for this job.

To facilitate the attainment of the goals envisaged under the National Population Policy, an Empowered Action Group, will be set up which will be charged with the responsibility of preparing area-specific programmes, with special emphasis on States that have been lagging behind in containing population growth to manageable limits and will count for nearly half of country's population in the next two decades.

This Group will also concentrate on involving voluntary associations, community organisations and Panchayati Raj institutions in the national effort. It will explore, the possibility of expanding the scope of Social Marketing of contraceptives in a manner that makes them easily accessible even while raising awareness levels.

Prices/Quality of medicines at stores of CGHS

2252. SHRI ONWARD L. NONGTUDU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent on CGHS medicines of Allopathic,, Ayurvedic, Homoeopathic and Unani Systems of Medicines in its store Depots;

(b) whether Government have found that medicines of Allopathic, Ayurvedic, Homoeopathic and Unani Systems are of low quality/potency than mentioned on the covers and bottles;

(c) whether their prices are becoming low and low for the last three years in the tenders; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether there is any Government machinery to ensure

quality medicines in the CGHS Store; if so, the system-wise and medicine-wise details of each formulary medicine and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) The information is given in the annexed statement. (See below).

(b) No, Sir.

(c) In majority of the cases pertaining to Allopathy Medicines, the lower trend in rates have been observed during the last three years possibly due to reduction in the price of raw materials.

As regards the prices of Ayurvedic and Unani Medicines, there is no downward trend in their rates whereas a marginal decline in the rates of Homoeopathic medicines has been observed.

(d) *Allopathic*: CGHS procures all the formulary allopathic items from M.S.O. (DGHS) with a certificate "that all medicines are got tested and are found to be of standard quality."

Homoeopathic: All the Homoeopathic medicines are got tested from Homoeopathy Pharmacopoeia Laboratory, Ghaziabad, to ensure the quality of medicines.

Ayurvedic & Unani: Due to non-availability of any standardisation of Ayurvedic/Unani medicines, the medicines are being selected by the Inspection Committee by adopting Organoleptic method of test. However, the medicines containing Gold, Opium and Bhang are being tested at PLIM, Ghaziabad.

Statement
Details of Expenditure on CGHS Medicines During 1999-2000
(Citiwise)

Name of the City	AllopathyHomoeopathy		Ayurveda	Unani
1	2	3	4	5
Delhi	48,52,02,512.00	42,23,862.00	1,75,66,420.00	30,09,228/-
Ahmedabad	7,94,393.00	—	1,75,818.00	—
Allahabad	1,78,58,000.00	2,41,000.00	14,98,000.00	—
Bangalore	3,06,77,490.00	1,56,741.00	12,23,152.00	6,42,617/-
Bombay	4,73,28,061.00	1,67,220.00	18,73,532.00	—

1	2	3	4	5
Calcutta	4,44,29,227.00	49,170.00	9,22,443.00	5,98,939/-
Chennai	4,05,12,850.00	—	1,17,931.00	—
Guwahati	59,99,495.00	—	—	—
Hyderabad	43,66,910.00	—	2,41,000.00	1,25,544/-
Jabalpur	70,86,483.00	—	—	—
Jaipur	1,01,61,509.00	78,552.00	3,57,911.00	—
Kanpur	3,80,03,820.00	6,37,291.00	14,50,792.00	—
Lucknow	1,95,05,000.00	2,65,000.00	13,62,000.00	2,48,000/-
Meerut	75,24,817.00	—	—	—
Nagpur	15,99,150.00	2,15,886.00	5,25,797.00	—
Patna	13,05,102.00	1,60,853.00	4,03,845.00	—
Pune	2,59,19,657.00	—	—	—
Trivandrum	5,00,611.00	—	—	—
TOTAL:	78,85,75,087.00	64,52,740.00	2,79,41,692.00	46,24,328/-

CGHS at Ranchi and Bhubaneswar are funded by A.G. Bihar and Orissa respectively. Therefore, their expenditure statements have not been shown above.

Birth Control Strategies in Five States

2253. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA:
DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the fact sheets of the Planning Commission, the five States of Bihar, U.P., M.P., Rajasthan and Orissa accounted for 44 per cent of country's population as in 1996;

(b) whether birth control strategies in these States have made little headway so far and they will contribute 55 per cent of the population growth during 1996—2016; and

(c) if so, what effective steps are proposed to be taken to implement population control measures successfully?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF